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The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command kicked off KATUSA Friendship week 2014, April 14-18, here in Area IV. The weeklong event brought U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers, families and members of the ROK Army together for various athletic competitions, social and cultural events to help build stronger relationships and educate U.S. Soldiers about their Korean hosts. (Photo by Cpl Kim Dong-Weon, 19th ESC Public Affairs Office)

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DELIVERING MISSION FLEXIBILITY



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THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The last six months have been a whirlwind and I continue to be impressed by your professionalism and efforts in support of our mission here at Team 19. Your expertise is on full display daily as we sustain the warfighter and continue to meet the logistics challenges posed here on the Korean Peninsula. We demonstrated during last February's Key Resolve exercise and our most recent NEO ROC Drill that we are a team capable of Delivering Mission Flexibility regardless of the task set before us. As we move forward into the second half of the year there are some things I'd ask that you keep in mind.

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month and our local SHARP office did a great job of pulling together a number of events to focus our attention on an issue that should concern us all. Please note, however, that while we highlight the issue in April it is imperative we work consistently, day-in and day-out, to eradicate this cancer from our ranks. Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault have no place in our Team or in our Army. I'm asking each of you to take the actions necessary to help us defeat this threat.

Since we're talking about threats to our ranks I'd like to take a moment to mention safety. As the weather warms up I encourage each of you to get out and enjoy everything this wonderful country has to offer. At the same time I ask that you take the right precautions to make sure your experience is a positive one. Be mindful of the weather, use the buddy system, and have a plan. Our formations have some of the best safety professionals in the business that can assist you in making sure your tour here is memorable for all the right reasons.

Speaking of memorable tours, with the summer comes PCS season. While we're sad to see so many great teammates leave, we're also excited to welcome a new batch of talented professionals to the mix. Putting the "P" in people means we are good at integrating new teammates into our ranks and good at saying goodbye and thank you for those who are leaving. With such a high rate of turn-over, it is imperative to get those new to our ranks off on the right foot. Sponsorship should be a priority for every incoming Soldier and their families. First impressions matter and we need to get this one right every time.

Finally, I want to take a moment and acknowledge the tragic loss of life our Korean counterparts suffered during the Sewol Ferry accident in April. "We go together" is more than a motto and when our allies suffer we share in their heartache. Please be sensitive to their feelings, not just now but in all you do.



Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farnen
19th ESC Commander

Together, we started 2014 off strong and I want us to finish even stronger. Let's buckle down. Focus on our mission and our people and set the conditions every day for an environment where everyone can learn, thrive, and grow and reach their full potential in a climate where all are treated with dignity and respect. Let's ensure we head into UFG in the late summer with our best foot forward. I appreciate your professionalism and enthusiasm in all that we do. Let's get after it! Team 19 = Mission Flexibility.



THE 19TH ESC CREED

CHARACTER

COMBAT READINESS

HONOR

We must begin with a commitment to making Character-Combat Readiness-Honor part of our DNA. Simply put - we must continuously strive to become a unit that embodies the conscience and integrity (**character**) to make the hard-right choices/ decisions. has the **combat readiness** to exude the Warrior Ethos in the battle space and the **honor** to live up to all Army Values - so we execute all missions with the excellence as a habit and return with honor!

It is our quest to become a professional, warrior/ethics-based "Team" with a reputation founded on these attributes...

CG's Principles of Excellence

- 1. Discipline:** Doing the routine and right things routinely well; earned through respect and admiration not toxic behavior; trust but verify
- 2. Training:** Train as we Fight; all Warfighters supporting the Warfight; white space
- 3. Maintaining:** 3 Rails of Readiness; Supply/Maintenance/Deploy-ability Excellence
- 4. Teamwork:** No one gets ahead of someone at someone else's expense; share ideas; be team players; be an Integrator; Everyone matters!
- 5. Family:** Caring, Viable FRGs, become Installations of Excellence
- 6. Don't Lie, Tell the Truth:** Bad news doesn't get better with age
- 7. The Basics:** Focus on the Fundamentals - build confidence
- 8. Communication - x 3:** Empower everyone with information / ASK! Who else needs to know what I know? Build Trust! Be an active listener
- 9. Saftey:** How to think, not how to act, Don't be risk averse = manage risk
- 10. Mission Support:** Support First; Argue Later; Build capability/capacity; Be resilient, Be proactive, not reactive; Think, Collaborate, Integrate, Synchronize, Stewardship; Build Relationships/ Partnerships - you can't surge trust
- 11. Leadership:** From the front; Steadfast/Creative; build green tab teams and foster development and growth, Who's in Charge? Candor, Loyalty, it's about people!
- 12. Have FUN!!** = Strike a Balance...relaxation and reflection, take leave

Team 19 = Mission Flexibility

THE COMMAND SGT. MAJ's CORNER

Recently, Noncommissioned Officers from all over Area IV gathered to celebrate our annual NCO Day. It's a day we take to recognize the contributions NCOs play in formations, our organization, and the Army. Nearly 500 Soldiers and KATUSAs from Cpl thru SGM conducted physical readiness training and an NCO professional development focused on enforcing standards and discipline. We welcomed the next generation of enlisted leaders as young troops crossed through the Fourth Watch Arch and were formally inducted into the NCO Corps. And we finished off with a dining-in that paid homage to Backbone of the Army.

The theme that ran throughout day however was simple and applies to all Soldiers regardless of rank: Leadership is a Privilege. I am personally grateful everyday I'm afforded the opportunity to engage with troops. I love being able to coach, train, and mentor and hopefully you share my enthusiasm. It is important to realize though that in order to truly take advantage of this rare privilege we need to be consistently engaged.

Engaged leadership is so much more than just regular counseling or assigning tasks. It's getting involved in the day-to-day lives of your Soldiers and battle buddies. It is taking a vested interest in your troops and should permeate everything we do. I'd argue that starts on the very first day a troop arrives at the unit.

The commander has put an emphasis on Sponsorship. I'd like to echo his sentiments and add that the tone you set for a Soldier in his or her first days and weeks will ripple throughout their entire time here. It's easy to hand a Soldier a checklist and the keys to a barracks room but that's not leadership. Helping them get settled and integrated into our formation is key to managing the transition and turnover that inevitably comes with the summer PCS season.

By taking a little bit of extra time we can make sure the Soldier is setup for success and fully prepared for the unique experience that is an assignment in Korea. We also exercise organizational leadership by making sure the Soldier is integrated in the unit which allows us to continue the mission without skipping a beat. But that is just the first part of the equation. We must ensure we stay engaged.



Command Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Austin
19th ESC Command Sgt. Maj.

Over the past few months we had the Army Inspector General going through our barracks. Thanks to engaged leaders there were no major deficiencies identified but we weren't perfect. Engaged leaders will continue to be in the barracks and helping correct the minor issues we've uncovered. Something as simple as checking on how your troops are living can pay huge dividends. It lets your Soldiers know you care and fosters the type of positive command climate our troops deserve.



It is important however we don't just talk about it, we must be about it. A priority for the Army at large, as well as the Commander and I personally, is the prevention of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment. We've all been to the training. Engaged leadership though is more than PowerPoint classes and small group discussions. It is the behavior we put on display every day at work. It is nipping this scourge in the bud by on-the-spot corrections when we hear inappropriate language or



observe questionable actions. And it is ultimately taking the time to build the trust in our troops so they see us as part of the solution when and if they feel vulnerable or uncomfortable by words or actions around them. Engaged leadership is one of the best tools we have to combat this evil in our ranks.

Engaged leadership is also one of the best tools we have to be good stewards of the force and our profession at arms. Just last week I attended the induction of two fine NCOs into the Area IV Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. It is always inspiring when I see NCOs out there setting themselves apart and improving themselves for the better. If you happen to see Sgt. Mark Cooley and Sgt. First Class William Talton please take a moment to congratulate them on their accomplishment.

The induction ceremony included Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell, the U.S.F.K. command sergeant major, as the guest speaker. He talked about the character SAMC members embodied. He also discussed the importance of the NCO in the development and stewardship of our Army. He pointed out that the NCO Channel had a responsibility to identify Soldiers with the attributes we desire to retain and motivate and help those Soldiers to stand out from their peers.

He also challenged new inductees by telling them getting into SAMC is the easy part when compared to the dedication and discipline it takes to remain active in the organization and make positive contributions to the local community.

I'd say the same thing applies to being a leader. Making the rank or earning the assignment that puts you in a leadership role is only the first step in the equation. You must have the discipline and dedication to be active and engaged day-in-day out. You must be engaged. Our troops and our Army deserve nothing less.

As has been pointed out by others, leadership is an art not a science. There is no one size fits all formula. Each Soldier and situation will present its own challenges. Regardless of the circumstances, however, you'll be on the right track if you simply put forth just a little extra time to be engaged with your troops. Leadership is a privilege after all but it can only fully be enjoyed if you're willing to invest the time and effort that it deserves.





A Soldier from 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command participates in the reenactment of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. march, here, Jan. 14.

“WE SHALL OVERCOME”

19TH ESC reenacts civil rights march

*Story and Photos by Cpl Kim Dong-weon
19th ESC Public Affairs Office*

DAEGU, South Korea – The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) reenacted the Selma to Montgomery march led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., embedding core values of ethnical equality and justice to the soldiers on Jan. 13 at Camp Henry.

In the afternoon, soldiers of various racial backgrounds and different rank patches appeared one by one in-front of the headquarters building. Soon after, the arrival of Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farmen, 19th ESC commanding general, shaped up the formation and led the march as the senior leader.

The formation represented a seamless blend of racial diversity, consisted of Caucasians, African Americans, Asians and more. U.S.

soldiers and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSAs) were incorporated in the march, reflecting a greater diversification. Ranks from enlisted military members to senior officers coexisted within the march displaying harmony among the soldiers.

Along with Farmen, Sgt. Maj. Nathaniel H. Hatchett, 19th ESC G-6 sergeant major, led the march singing ‘We shall overcome.’ The front rank of the march was composed of soldiers holding up Martin Luther King Jr.’s posters and other photos of the real march that took place decades ago.

“It was great marching in front of the formation with the commanding general,” Hatchett said. “He knew a lot about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s plight in life, and his participation in the march sent the message that he supports what Dr. King stood for.”

Although the reenacted march the 19th ESC conducted was much shorter than the actual one which occurred in Alabama, it symbolizes a profound meaning. It represented how far humanity has come over time and delivered a historic lesson for many of the soldiers marching in the formation.



Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farmen, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) commanding general, and Sgt. Maj. Nathaniel H. Hatchett, 19th ESC G-6 sergeant major, leads the reenactment of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. march, here, Jan. 14.



The march officially concluded when the formation arrived at the Camp Henry Theater, Hatchett started off the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance by reciting the 'I have a dream' speech bridging decades of generational gaps.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, I have a dream today!" Hatchett exclaimed.

Soldiers seated at the theater stood up from the chairs, delivering a standing ovation.

The image embracing soldiers with diverse cultural backgrounds portrayed a dynamic impression of equality and fairness. Specifically, during the observance it was stunning to perceive a flawless mixture, integrating the U.S. national flag and the Korean national flag that the KATUSAs had on their right arms.

"Although Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s civil movement during his time was a struggle to achieve rights for black people, I think that his legacy implies much more today", said Pfc. Kim Sang-yeun, 19th ESC Inspector General Office administration specialist. "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his supporter's efforts have made an environment where soldiers from various nationalities like me to be in this formation."

At the closing session of the commemoration, notes of both the U.S. and South Korea's national anthem occupied the theater's atmosphere.



Sergeant Audie Murphy Club



Key Resolve 2014

Story by Cpl. Kim Dong-weon
Photo by Joel Lee

Key Resolve is an annual command post exercise held by United States Forces Korea and its Pacific partners, designed to ensure mission readiness that supports the defense of South Korea and strengthen ROK - U.S. alliance.

Team 19's unique and vital role during Key Resolve brought key leaders to Daegu to observe the unit's critical peninsula-wide tactical and strategic logistics operations and noncombatant evacuation operations.

The 19th ESC commanding general, Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farmen, hosted senior leaders throughout the exercise.

The visits of Adm. Choi Yoon-hee, Republic of Korea chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, and commanding general, Gen. Kim Yo-hwan, 2nd Operational Command, contributed to a stronger relationship with the ROK and the U.S. military said Farmen.

The Commander of Eighth Army, Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, also stopped by to encourage the Soldiers of Area IV to continue to strive for excellence, while taking the time to understand just how much of an impact Team 19 has on the mission capabilities of the entire peninsula.



Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farmen hosts an award ceremony at the conclusion of Key Resolve 2014

Farmen attributed the success of this year's Key Resolve to the hard work and professionalism of each and every Soldier who participated in the round-the-clock operations, as each Soldier stayed committed to the mission, building strong partnerships, and reinforcing the ROK-US alliance from start to finish.



AREA IV POST BASKETBALL TEAM

DAEGU ASSASSINS

When I arrived from to Camp Walker in late May of 2013, I immediately looked for an opportunity to coach varsity level men's basketball in the military. I had a successful season coaching at Fort Riley and I looked to volunteer for the Area IV Post Level Team. The tryouts were held July 14th of 2013 and I put an emphasis on the type of basketball I thought we should play. I wanted to surprise the competition with our ability to play competitive basketball for long stretches during games. I knew the only way to do this was to start early implementing a system that was predicated on physical conditioning, mental execution, and reactive basketball.

The Meyers/Ramirez system was created at Fort Riley, KS by me and CPT Vanessa Ramirez who is a licensed Physical Therapist. The Daegu Men's Basketball players led by CPT Marcus Nelson, SFC Bobby Ingram, SGT Dexter Brunson, and DOD Civilian, Tony McBryde set the tone and standard during the tryouts and pre-season training from July-August 2013.



Head Coach: CPT Michael Myers

The training and practice was an intense work out that began without any basketballs being dribbled, touched or shot for the first 30 minutes of practice. Future additions to the team were PFC Chris Way and SGT Dione Clayborne. The system, the training and the dedication led to the Daegu Men winning their first Korea Wide Thanksgiving Tournament in November of 2013. The Daegu Assassins won their first championship game against Yongsan team by 26 points. The next two tournaments resulted in Daegu winning championship games by an average of 25.2 points per game, defeating Area I and Osan AFB. The up-tempo, style and discipline to our system took the peninsula by storm leading the team to a record of 36-1 heading into the End of Season Tournament. The end result of the Post Season Tournament was a 68-64 win against the Area I team to complete a sweep of 5 Korea Wide Tournaments finishing with a record of 40-2. There was a phenomenal performance by SSG Stewart Mitchell, who returned from injury to come off the bench to contribute major minutes and scoring for the post season tournament. The Championship Game MVP was PFC Chris Way, who hit a team record six 3 pointers in the first half of the game against Area I (Camp Casey) to finish with 28 points.

Future of the Area IV Basketball in the 2014-15 Season:

Looking forward to the upcoming 2014-15 season Area IV Basketball fans and "Team 19" military personnel can look forward to seeing more up-tempo style basketball in practices and games. Beginning May 6th, Camp Carroll will host an Area IV Post Basketball clinic to integrate the new personnel into the current system. This camp will also prepare our All Army Candidates for the upcoming All Army camp in October 2014. The Daegu Assassins will look to defend their championship this year and there will be new faces and new talent, however, the same spirit of competition will always be present. From the DMZ to the sea, Team 19 and Area IV is not just on the map for sustaining the fight tonight, they will prove yet again they have the best conditioned athletes on the peninsula!



The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, "Team 19" KATUSA basketball team won the Area IV KATUSA basketball championship tournament against the USAG-Daegu team, becoming this year's victors.



19th ESC celebrates 21st annual Korean Friendship Circle

Story and Photos Staff Sgt. Cashmere Jefferson



As part of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's 21st annual Korean American Friendship Circle, Soldiers, Families, student's, and sponsors came together March 15, at the USAG Daegu Evergreen Community Center here to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The KAFC program is a unique opportunity for U.S. and Korean families to share their cultural experiences by planning activities right here in Area IV.

It is a great way to make friends and provides a way to bridge the cultural gap between the two countries.

With over 200 people in attendance many Korean students had a lot questions about St. Patrick's Day, especially why the color worn for celebration is green.

Col. Johnney Matthews, commander of Materiel Support Command Korea,

ST. PATTY'S DAY

"Sláinte"

19th ESC gave a short history lesson, "from about 1812 to 1912, 4.5 million Irishman migrated and settled on the east coast and as the Irish settled in the United States they brought along with them some of their customs and practices," said Matthews.

"These communities celebrated St. Patrick's Day and it eventually spread throughout America."



He answered the student's question about the color green, saying it was customary to wear shamrocks or green accessories to honor the day, and went on demonstrate the consequence of not wearing green by "pinching" a participant.

The host of the event, Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farmen, commanding general of the 19th ESC emphasized the importance or sharing American traditions and providing a venue where everyone can have fun and get to know each other.

Farmen proposed a toast in honor of St. Patrick's Day and instructed the crowd to raise their cups, full of green drinks, to yell "Sláinte" on the count of three, a word literally translating as "health" and is commonly used as a drinking toast in Ireland.

Traditional Irish dishes were served during the celebrations for everyone to enjoy like corn beef, cabbage, shepard's pie, and more as Soldiers, Families, and college students gathered at large tables to share their meals and build new relationships.

Jung Won Hee, a student from Kyung-pook National University majoring in English said, "I have never celebrated St. Patrick's Day before, and this is my first time eating this kind of food so I was excited to try everything. It was amazing to see native American's socializing with us and meeting new people."

Jung said was she extremely impressed by how the event was put together, "the color green is beautiful and seeing everyone wearing green, and decorating the party with it created a great atmosphere for everything."



501st STB soldiers proven ready to 'Fight Tonight'

Story and Photos by Sgt. Michael Folkerth, 501st SBDE PAO

The 501st Special Troops Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade, Camp Carroll, conducted a Combined Training Exercise during the first week of March at the various facilities of Rodriguez Range in Area I.

The purpose of the training exercise was to evaluate the readiness of the 501st STB and its subordinate units, the 176th Finance Company and the 19th Personnel Company, and their ability to perform their duties and operate in a wartime environment, said Lt. Col. Leon M. Hildreth, the commander of the 501st STB.

The multifaceted exercise provided various challenges to the 176th FC and the 19th PC, with tasks such as providing base security, handling financial and administrative support in a deployed environment, and reacting to enemy contact during convoy operations. The senior non-commissioned officers, officers, and warrant officers of the 501st Sustainment Brigade, who were overseeing and evaluating the units during the exercise, strived to create realistic training goals and standards.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Alvin A. Clarke, the human resources technician for the 501st SBDE, said that there were certain actions and services that, while normally provided by DOD civilians and local national employees, would have to be performed by the soldiers of the 176th PC and 19th PC during a wartime environment. He also wanted to evaluate how the 19th PC conducted in-processing as if they were receiving new soldiers arriving to a deployed environment.

"Garrison briefs here provide a lot of focus on policies such as curfew, off-limits establishments, and the Korean culture, but in a deployed environment, the briefs change to things such as helping soldiers get oriented to their areas of operations and recognizing the differences between a Katusa and other Koreans. We want to ensure that the soldiers are familiar with these services and systems, and we want to help eliminate the chance of 'green on green' conflicts," said Clarke.



Since the soldiers being evaluated primarily perform support operations and actions, they were not expected to perform at the level of a combat arms unit or a Special Forces unit during the room clearing and reacting to enemy contact training, said Master Sgt. Jermaine Jackson, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the 501st SBDE S3 operations.

"If you teach the basics, practice the basics, and become proficient at the basics, then you'll be able to clear any room at any time. The reason the Army is so great is because we train as a team; it makes you rely on your buddy. That's what training is all about: improving what you do and ensuring that the person to your left or right has your back," Jackson told soldiers as he ran them through the steps of room clearing.

After the soldiers completed their preliminary evaluations they used all their accumulated training to run through a final convoy operation exercise, resulting in a successful finale to the 501st STBs CTE.

"I am, without a doubt, confident that this battalion is completely capable of being able to fight tonight," said Hildreth.



HRC 'Road Show' hits Daegu

Story by Staff Sgt. Cashmere Jefferson and photos by CPL Kim Dong-weon

CAMP HENRY, Korea—Leaders of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command welcomed the commanding general and command sergeant major of Human Resources Command, Maj. Gen. Richard Mustion and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Smith, as they brought the HRC Executive Road Show to Camp Henry and Camp Walker, March 26.

The show is a suite of briefings provided to the officers and non-commissioned officers of Area IV

The Executive Road Show moved from the Team 19 headquarters to Camp Henry's theater for officer professional development with the HRC commander to discuss changes to the officer evaluation report.

A few of the key changes to the OER consist of incorporating a rater profile, refined senior rater techniques, and the identification of operational, transition to forms based on grade plates and broadening assignments.



to communicate and discuss the impact of recent and pending changes as the Army transitions to the future.

Mustion kicked off the 'Road Show' with an office call with 19th ESC commanding general, Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Farnen and his command team discussing the important roles leaders must consider while in command during this time.

"Leaders in the Army are shaping the future of the Army, and evaluations, retention, and enforcing standards are key factors that all leaders need to implement while the Army reorganizes," said Mustion.

Mustion said another thing the Army is working to do is make sure exiting Soldiers will be treated with "the dignity and respect they deserve" by providing them with programs to succeed in the civilian world.

He stressed importance of leadership care, compassion, and commitment to Soldiers in transition because leaders will play a critical role in counseling, manning, and readiness.

HRC's senior enlisted leader headed to Camp Walker's Chapel for NCO professional development as Smith discussed the upcoming transitions, counseling and the way ahead for the enlisted ranks.

At the conclusion of each briefing Mustion and Smith answered all questions posed by leaders and subordinates in an effort to give them a better understanding about the reshaping of the officer and NCO Corps while the restructuring process of the military takes place, so that the Army can maintain readiness as well as care for its Soldiers.



Leaders call for community to ‘Speak Up’

Story by Staff Sgt. Cashmere Jefferson and photos by CPL Kim Dong-weon

“It will take more than a month to eradicate this cancer from our ranks, it will take a concentrated effort from all of us to confront this and we must stand strong together. This is about trust, dignity, leadership, and accountability; we all own this problem,” said the commander of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Brig. Gen. Stephen E. FARMEN.

The cancer to which he referred is sexual assault and harassment.

The general, along with the commander of U.S. Army Garrison Daegu, Col. Jim M. Bradford, and Lt. Col. Fredrick L. Barber, Bulk Petroleum and Water Branch Chief, Support Operations, 19th ESC, were the keynote speakers at the proclamation signing ceremony to kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed in April.

Leaders of Area IV took the opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to eliminating the crime of sexual assault, supporting victims, and intervening to help stop unsafe and unprofessional behavior in our community and in our military.

This year’s theme is “Speak up! A voice unheard is an Army defeated.”

Bradford stressed the important role everyone in the community plays to changing the culture that enables sexual violence.

“Each of us can take action in our areas and we know that breaking the silence surrounding sexual assault is the key to awareness, prevention and eradication,” he said.

During the ceremony, Lucy Rodriguez, 403rd Army Field Support Brigade Victim Advocate, read a survivor poem that told the compelling story of a victim of sexual assault while Barber’s words of inspiration lay emphasis on having respect for each other a taking care of .

“As a community, as soldiers, as leaders, we have to have the personal courage to speak up for those that may not be able to speak for themselves,” said Barber.

Farmen reiterated the Army values as the foundation of combating sexual assault and reminded us all that we are obligated to stand strong and speak up.



19th ESC competes for Army's top DFAC

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Cashmere Jefferson

CAMP WALKER, Korea -- The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's Mountain Inn dining facility competed for the Army's Top Dining Facility title during the 46th annual Philip A. Connelly competition April 11, here, at Camp Walker.

The Philip A. Connelly Program is regulated by Army Regulation 30-22, The Army Food Service Program. The objectives of the program are to promote and improve Army food service through awareness with incentives, competition, and media attention to encourage and recognize deserving units for superb performance, award individuals for stellar management practices and honor the traditions of the Philip A. Connelly Awards Program.

19th ESC's Mountain Inn dining facility bested 20 other facilities throughout Korea in 2013, winning the Connelly Competition, to earn a shot as one of the top six DFACs out of 189 facilities Army-wide.

Food service evaluators with the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence, at Fort Lee, Va., graded in ten categories, including

food preparation and quality, supervision, attitude and appearance of personnel, administration, food safety and protection, and command support.

Master Sgt. Sandra J. Harrison, chief food service management noncommissioned officer, 19th ESC, stressed that the food service specialists work as a team just like they do every day and focus on the most important reason they do their job the best; the Soldiers.

"Our Soldiers know what their mission is daily and even though this is an evaluation, we know Soldiers should get good meals everyday and the line we present is a representation of that, said Harrison. "Our cooks not only take pride in their job, but in themselves.

JCCoE evaluators made their way around the kitchen talking with Soldier during preparation, ensuring cleanliness and the proper handling of food before Chief Warrant Officer 5 Principido Texidor, the Army's top food service adviser noticed something unique about the team.

"It is very rare that we step into a facility where 80 percent of the staff is young Soldiers straight out of AIT (Advance Individual Training), and they've done an excellent job being in the army such a short period of time," said Texidor.

Texidor went on to say that he was very impressed and very proud of what these Soldiers have accomplished, "they are already winners for being one of the six top DFACs in the Army."

The Mountain Inn DFAC is in competition with facilities in Georgia, Washington, Germany, Hawaii, and Texas. The winner of the 2014 Philip A. Connelly Competition will be announced in May.



The Good Neighbor Program's Habitat for Humanity

Photos by Joel Lee





TEAM 19'S BEST WARRIORS






ENGLISH BOOK READING CLASS



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Soldiers from the 14th Signal Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion participated in the English book reading class at the 2. 28 Memorial Hall Library in Daegu. Students learned about the weather in English.





Story by Kim Dong-weon and photos by Joel Lee

The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, "Team 19," along with other units from Area IV, participated in the 38th annual KATUSA (Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army) Friendship Week, celebrating 64 years of the growing bond between U.S. and KATUSA soldiers, here, April 14-18.

The week, hosted by the Republic of Korea Army Support Group, kicked off with an opening ceremony with the presentation of the colors by U.S. Army Garrison - Daegu, martial arts and drill team performances by the ROK's 2nd Operations Command to strengthen cultural relationships between Soldiers and KATUSA's.

"KATUSA Friendship Week is important for U.S. counterparts to understand the Korean tradition, through sporting events and cultural exchanges, Soldiers from the two countries can grow stronger partnerships," said Sgt. Ahn Hee-chang, 19th ESC senior KATUSA.

Team 19 competed in numerous sporting events, including softball, soccer, dodge ball, tug-of-war, basketball and a relay race. Among the high-spirited games that were played against other units, Team 19's tug-of-war team made it to the finals.

After a close tug-of-war match, Team 19 was awarded the silver medals for winning the second place against the 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade.



Later, Camp Carroll Theater held a KATUSA talent, where Soldiers executed their best performances. Loud cheers and applause rang throughout the theater as they performed the latest Korean pop music and dance routines.

On the last day, cultural tours held across Camp Walker gained interest of Soldiers, families and university students who came here to participate and were introduced to Korean culture that included traditional

fan and mask making, long established Korean games, that existed hundreds of years ago, and ate popular Korean foods like kimbab, hottuck and rice cakes.

Team 19 KATUSAs held a culture booth and drew conventional Korean plants such as bamboos and cherry blossoms, and inscribed names of friends on small fans.



Soldiers were exposed to an open environment to build friendships with their battle buddies outside the office by engaging in outdoor activities.

"This week was beneficial to me because I learned more about the KATUSAs and became much closer with them," said Pvt. Eric Russ, 19th ESC staff judge advocate paralegal specialist.

KATUSA Friendship Week officially ended after a closing ceremony with remarks from Col. Jim M. Bradford, USAG-D commander, Lt. Col. Koo Seong-joon, Area IV RSG commander and representatives of the KATUSA Veterans Association.

"The KATUSA program represents solidarity and friendship, which has bolstered an alliance that is stronger than it has ever been and resulted in a proud heritage of former KATUSAs," said Bradford. "I hope you all had a wonderful week and remember, you are all part of the same great team – proud, skilled, tough, and ready to fight tonight."

Team 19's biggest strength is the diverse force that encompasses our Soldiers, government civilians, Korean nationals and the KATUSAs. The 64-year alliance will set the stage to continue a prosperous Republic of Korea.



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- Command Sgt. Maj Robert E. Austin





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